

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2017 at 12:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Member Attendance:

Paul Hart (Chair)
Lesley Orr (Co-Vice Chair)
Dana Christensen (Absent)
Chip Dennerlein (Absent)
Larry Turpen (Absent)
Cliff Kuhlman
Mark Lansing (Absent)
Mark Acosta
Bob Lange
Brian Heron

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Fred Saunders (PCD)
Rob Brandes – Late
Dan Dorrell (ODOT) - late
Tyler Flaming (City Council)
(County Commissioner) Pending
Ed Burke (Public Safety)

Guests/visitors:

I. Business – Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2017

Corrections: Jenna's last name is now Marmon, not Stanke.

RVTD guest Adam Gomez was actually Edem Gomez.

Item B under Bike Map Discussion - Midway is actually Midland and discussion involved Hillcrest and Hawthorne. There has been no discussion for an RRFB yet but a crosswalk will be at that location.

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Orr moved and Committee Member Kuhlman seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected from February 14, 2017. The vote resulted as follows:

“AYES”: Committee Members Acosta, Heron, Lange, Orr, Kuhlman. “NAYS”: None.

Abstain: None. Absent: Members Christensen, Dennerlein, Lansing, and Turpen. The motion passed.

B. Bike map and bike path discussion

- The Midland and Hawthorne jog needs a crosswalk. Cliff has been talking about this area for four years. The area is getting busier and the area needs to be studied. Fred will look into some options for the area.
- Paul mentioned as a kudos that the intersection at Allen Creek and Redwood Avenue. Noted that the BMX track will be a whopper. There is a lot of gravel at the Pansy Lane area and could use sweeping.
- Mark mentioned on the Redwood Highway bike path on the north side between Willow and Dowell needs to be swept.
- Mark drafted a letter for ODOT noting bike path repairs that need to be made.
- The D Street gravel issues where the cuts were made need to be addressed. Fred explained some of the construction issues that arose during that project that cause delays.

C. Ride the Rogue

- Lesley spoke about Ride the Rogue. John Vial did a presentation for the next segment of the Greenway that is being funded. He will follow up with Jenna Marmon about Railroad issues. Don Hendricks is working on the routes. They are working on t-shirt designs, advertising, and volunteers. They are trying a poker ride idea to get more participation with cash payouts for the highest points.
- Rob Brandes mentioned they will broom the routes before the race.

D. Updates from Staff, Liaison(s) and questions

City

- Fred updated the committee. Rogue River Avenue sidewalks are moving along. They will have bids out for Beacon Drive and Pine Street this year. There has been a glitch with the Allen Creek path (which is almost done) with ODFW. Fred is working out issues with the riparian zone with them.
- Fruitdale Creek Trail. The bridge rails are in. He used the old metal fence from the Owl Parking lot; powder coated it green and used it on the bridge. It should be paved in the next few weeks. They are pouring the bases for the RRFB crossing along with two pre-advanced flashers because of the odd location. That will complete the link from Hwy 99 to Cloverlawn Drive at Clovercrest Market then all is needed is the connector to BLM for Cathedral Hills.
- Cliff mentioned the blinking light near the Gospel Rescue Mission and the market. He noted that someone mentioned to him that the light blinds him. Can the light be tempered? Fred said there is a brightness control and will look into if there is a night mode. Cliff would like someone from the City to talk to him once they get an answer.
- Tyler Flaming talked about the Strategic Planning session regarding Dollar Mountain. It got support from the Council. Suggests they do a formal presentation at a Council workshop (sooner rather than later) from the committee as to what they would like up there. Tyler suggested doing something with the parking. There is a 30k place holder for distribution of projects but those funds go fast. He noted the trail up there gets a lot of use.

County

- Rob Brandes mentioned there will be a few road closures. Azalea Drive at Ewe Creek will be closed for spring break for a culvert repair. Sand Creek Bridge will be closed though summer of 2018. Build won't start until this summer. Fruitdale Drive will have a short closure where the trees keep coming down.
- Paul mentioned Lower River Road right before Whitehorse Park, the ditch on the right side of the road is getting really deep and needs repairs. Dan Dorrell said he would go out and get photos of it.
- The creek by the Food Bank is getting bad as well.

ODOT

- There will be an open house for the Caveman Bridge renovations at the Lodge at Riverside on Wednesday night beginning at 4 pm. Dan mentioned the construction will be done at night. They are going to put Sharrows on the bridge to help with bike traffic.
- Dan mentioned the multi-use path on the south side of 199 and at Dowell and Allen Creek. He located some funding but it probably won't get done until next summer. With that funding he will enhance the crossings with green durable paint. South on 6th heading towards 99, there are no sidewalks. He would like to get some added there.

Public Safety

- Officer Burke shared that the special event season is starting. The Run for the Law was a few weeks ago. Pear Blossom run is coming April 8. GPDPS helps with that run. Siskiyou Triathlon is on the 15th. The Bike Rodeo is May 20. Boatnik on Memorial Day weekend. The Freedom Run will be on Saturday that weekend.

Citizen comments

- None

II. Business – New

- Bob mentioned Marlsan Road might be a good option as it goes right into Josephine County land and they could look at the private land issues at a later date.
- Rob noted that the motorcycle riders that are using the Marlsan landfill for riding and are damaging the cap. A resident is keeping track and they will generate a police report. Bob is happy to take people out there to show them the location. The Dollar Mountain tour is Monday, March 27.
- Paul mentioned that someone representing Grants Pass that was with Lesley Donaghy said we are just about to be approved as a Blue Zone which is about health and wellness. They would like the Bikeways Committee to help encourage biking.
- Stringer Gap road at the end of the school property, there is a nice trail. Could connect over to Bolt Mountain with some TLC.
- Paul thanked the committee for all the hard work and volunteering.
- There is some maintenance items needed on the Allen Creek Trail. Fred is waiting until the weather is a bit better and they can get in there and clean it up.
- Bob mentioned there is a group of 165 people that are volunteers for clean-up projects.
- Lesley asked if there were any issues using volunteers for clean-up. Fred will check with our attorney.
- There is a Rogue River clean-up day coming up.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

Next meeting date: April 11, 2017 at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room

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